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In re application of: Takashi SHIKAMA et al. Serial No.: 10/076,394 Filing Date: February 19, 2002 For: BEAD INDUCTOR AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING SAME	Art Unit: 2832 Examiner: T. Nguyen
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RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Election of Species Requirement issued on January 15, 2003, Applicants elect Embodiment 9: Figure 9, and Claims 12, 14 and 17-19. As acknowledged by the Examiner, Claim 12 is generic. This election is made **WITH** traverse.

The Examiner alleged that Figs. 8 and 9 is directed to different embodiments. This is clearly incorrect. Figs. 8 and 9 are specifically disclosed as "illustrating still another embodiment of the present application" and that "Fig. 9 is a side view showing an integral, unitary member formed by utilizing the internal conductor 42 and external

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terminals 43 and 44 shown in Fig. 8." Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that Figs. 8 and 9 are directed to the same embodiment. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that Embodiment 8 (Fig. 8) be included in our election of Embodiment 9 (Fig. 9).

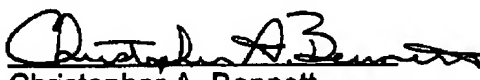
Furthermore, it is noted that the Examiner indicated that claims 1-19 are subject to the election of species requirement. However, claims 1-11 were canceled in the Preliminary Amendment filed on February 19, 2002. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that only claims 12-19 are pending in the present application.

Applicants hereby reserve the right to file a Divisional Application to pursue prosecution of the non-elected Embodiments 1-8, 10 and 11.

Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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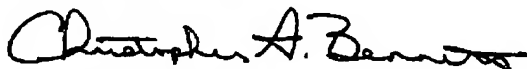
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